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WORK WILL WIN.

Hard, persistent and patient work will unravel the snarled threads of business disturbance. No better weapon to work with than a breezy, novel and catchy advertisement in THE TRIBUNE.

TRY IT AND SEE.

THE ESTEEMED local contemporary which initiated the new year with an interesting revival of the time honored new county project, advertises Carbondale and occupies space. The end, though, scarcely justifies the exertion.

THE ALMANAC which is issued by the Wilkes-Barre Leader for 1894 has been received. It is a neat compendium of local events, prettily illustrated and edited with skill and care. The Leader knows how to print an annual that is well worth preserving.

ONE OR TWO Democrats of Wilkes-Barre think Colonel Harvey would be a fine Republican candidate for congressman-at-large. It is to be feared, with due respect to the Colonel's merits, that the entry and the jockey are inopportune and infelicitous.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S fifth winter trip abroad will begin next Thursday, when he will sail from New York to Alexandria, and go thence up the Nile valley. The grip has no mercy on Mr. Carnegie, and it is to escape its harassing effects that he seeks a milder climate. Millions of his fellow countrymen will wish him bon voyage and restored health.

FROM THE current annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue it appears there were made in this state last year 1,232,133,832 cigars; nearly one-fourth of the entire domestic product. Those who oppose smoking on general principles ought to be gratified at the popularity of the Key-stone cigar. It is a strong incentive to nicotine tea-totalism.

THE REPUBLICANS of Schuylkill county, or rather, the quarrelsome nest of Republican leaders who fall out every time the wind blows, would do the party at large an incalculable service if they would settle their differences in manly fashion and then keep them settled. The kettle of wrangling sells constantly exposed at this fish market is rapidly becoming disgusting.

CONGRESSMAN DRAFTER writes that the defeat of the Wilson tariff bill or its entire reconstruction on the line of higher rates is more than its passage. The senate is where it will strike a rock, in his opinion. The well-known incapacity of the Democrats to fill a position of responsibility is chiefly what gives plausibility to these wide-spread claims.

EX-SENATOR INGLETS remembers a time when this same old Democratic party of sham and fraud that is now racking its brain for some plan of income tax whereby the expenses of government can be saddled on the north and east "became quite enraged at this kind of plan, which they then declared was inglorious in its tendencies." But what, pray, does Mr. Inglets expect of the Democratic party? Certainly not consistency.

THESE NAMES are mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for congressman-at-large: Charles R. Buckalew, of Columbia; Charles D. Hancock, of Venango; ex-Mayor Thomas P. Merritt, of Reading; Mortimer F. Elliott, of Tioga; George A. Allen, of Erie; Captain William Hasen, of Venango; ex-Congressman William H. Snowden, of Lehigh; and B. Bruce Ricketts, of Luzerne. It is a safe guess that the last named will steer very clear of such a foreign hope.

SENATOR PEPPER, who blew hot when the Democracy was flirting with his Populist constituents, now blows cold upon the conglomerate that resulted. "The Wilson bill," he declares with emphasis, "is built upon false principles; it is hypocritical throughout. Mr. Wilson and his colleagues propose to put farmers of the United States into direct competition with farmers of the whole world." When Senator Pepper has had more to do with "Mr. Wilson and his colleagues" he will find out that betrayal of promises is a chronic Democratic disease.

THE MILLIONAIRE TURFMAN of New York had an exciting discussion about the present condition of horse racing in their neighborhood. They agreed that it was in a bad way, owing chiefly to the manner in which the business is run by men who are on the turf simply for the money there is in it, among whom are such well known characters as Mike Dwyer and Richard Croker. So they propose to secure a tighter grip upon the race tracks, and to that end a committee was appointed to form an organization which shall have the powers of an enlarged board of control. For, really, the racing business is becoming so disreputable that high-toned millionaires are being driven almost exclusively to yachting, a sport which money-getters cannot touch.

ANTI-CHINESE prejudice on the Pacific coast seems to be as bitter and unreasonable as the wildest negro phobia of the south. A young Chinese woman has been trying for some time to get a medical education in San Francisco in order to practice among her own people. For three years she has been supporting herself by nursing in China-

town, but has now made application for admission to some of the hospitals of the city. Strange to say even those who have been called humanitarians oppose her efforts in every way and her application has been refused by the municipal health authorities simply because of her race. This actually is not such a fling against the Mongolians as it is against benevolence, when it wears the Chinese visage.

WHILE ONE New York paper has been exposing Police Commissioner Sheehan's Buffalo record another has been inquiring into the source of Police Commissioner Martin's wealth. Mr. Martin is familiarly known as "Jimmie." A few years ago he was conductor on a street car, and then he was a clerk on a small salary. In 1889 Martin became police commissioner, and was then living in a flat on Sixth avenue. The change that has taken place in four years is amazing. In 1890, or within a year, Mr. Martin moved up town to Fifty-fourth street, into the neighborhood of Rockefeller and Depew, and later on he bought for \$35,000 the house on Forty-eighth street, in which he now resides in magnificent style. All this Mr. Martin has done on a salary of \$5,000 a year. He must have grown very rich since he became police commissioner, else such high living would be far beyond his means. How did "Jimmie" Martin get his money? Such a rapid stride from poverty to opulence can only excite one's curiosity. We trust that the people of New York will not allow it to remain a puzzle.

HIS EIGHTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY.

Gladstone celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday by fulfilling his duties as head of the British government and leader of the commons, taking more or less part in the debate in that house, and doing what he could to advance the parish councils bill toward its passage. These duties he is performing daily, in addition to a mass of other work, with practically the same vigor, mental and physical, that has characterized his work for years. If he has lost anything of strength in body or mind during the year, the loss is so slight as not to diminish his capacity for leadership and effective work. There have been periods of illness and exhaustion during the year when rest and careful nursing have been necessary, but Sir Andrew Clark was spared long enough to carry his friend through the worst of these, which was by no means a serious matter, and since the physician's death, Gladstone has had only slight need of a doctor.

Yet those who watch the great Englishman daily in the Commons note that his step is not quite so firm, his eyesight not so clear, nor his voice so strong as it was a year ago. The fatigue of a long sitting tells on him more and the occasional naps into which he has been accustomed to drop for years in his seat in the Commons are now more frequent and prolonged. Nevertheless the capacity for severe and prolonged labor remain, with the ability to rally rapidly from fatigue, while the mighty intellect is as clear and acute and as masterly in its grasp as ever. Some of the hardest parliamentary work of his life has been performed by Gladstone since his birthday. He probably has never certainly only few times before—been under a more severe strain than that put upon him during the home rule debate in the Commons. If the last has been a busy year with the Grand Old Man, it has also been a fairly successful one from the politician and the statesman. He has had no foreign matters of moment to deal with, unless it be in connection with the Siamese invasion by France, which was a matter with which Lord Rosebery showed himself entirely competent to deal. England's attitude in presence of the uneasiness and sign of storm in continental Europe has been a waiting one, requiring no action and calling for no special declaration of policy.

The naval arms which has grown out of the Franco-Russian friendship worked to Gladstone's advantage rather than otherwise, and the troubles in Matabeland have done him no harm so far, although they may come later to bother him. It has been great good fortune for Gladstone that he has had no foreign questions demanding immediate attention to distract him from the course of domestic reform he has worked out. Along this line of domestic reform, he has made decided progress during the year, in spite of the obstructive policy of the lords. He has passed the home rule bill through the commons, got it before the people and received their verdict upon it in several by-elections. Gladstone begins his eighty-fifth year full of plans for the next session of parliament, and as determined as ever to carry out his programme of reform legislation to the end in spite of Tories, Unionists and the Lords, separately or combined, and the outlook for his success is practically better than it was a year ago—save that he is a year older.

A KALEIDOSCOPIC PRESIDENT.

Two recent statements concerning President Cleveland's relations to the public men in Washington and to callers in general exhibit striking differences as to matters of fact. The Washington correspondent of the New York Sun, which is unfriendly to Cleveland, wrote:

"Very few people see him, and day after day goes by without his giving an audience to any of the numerous callers at the White house, who are all turned over to Secretary Thurber. The president is rarely seen driving within the city limits, never goes walking, has sadly neglected his old pastor, Dr. Sniderland, to whose church the crowd goes every Sabbath day in the hope of catching a glimpse of the President's family, and keeps himself as far as possible from the gaze of the public; all of which goes to confirm the persistent report that he is not in sound health."

But the Boston Herald's correspondent writes: "The president is in excellent condition or he could not have stood the stream of callers which has been flowing through the White house this week as easily as he has. Having finished the Hawaiian message, and sent it to congress, the president felt that he could spare more time for senators and representatives who wanted to see him than he had been able to afford since he began to prepare his annual message. So ever since Monday, senators and representatives have found

the White house doors standing open, as it were, and have been crowding through it. On Wednesday and Thursday the president must have had several hundred calls from early morning until evening. For, most of the morning of each day he has stood on his feet while he was listening to the requests made of him mostly for appointments to office."

Three stories were written at about the same time, and some readers will have much difficulty in deciding which statement to believe. There is something, however, so kaleidoscopic about the president, palpably ubiquitous to some, and ever invisible to others, as to bear out the views of the Mugwumps that their idol nearly possesses the attributes of a god.

HIS TIME WILL COME.

The esteemed West Chester Republican says that Lieutenant Governor Watres' decision not to be a candidate for governor in opposition to General Hastings, "takes from the list of candidates a man equipped in every way to be the chief ruler of this state, and adds a powerful supporter to the ranks of the Centre county man's friends."

It does, indeed. The lieutenant governor's action in this respect was one of considerable deference to the will of the majority, as expressed in the obvious desire of Republicans to honor the candidate who was the choice of many for governor before Mr. Watres had become an executive official of this commonwealth. Our townsman lays the Republican masses under a new obligation to him by his volunteered willingness to introduce no disturbing element into the party councils.

When he was nominated to his present position he was the choice, not of one faction, but of all factions. The friends of General Hastings were as cordial to him in the convention of 1893 as were those of the successful candidate. That he was the choice of the people, too, was proved by his success in the election which sent a Democrat to the chief magistracy of the commonwealth. The politician who keeps friendship with the people, while giving no unnecessary offense to those prominent in party leadership, is one to keep an eye on.

His time will come.

CLEAN THE ICY PAVEMENTS. If every Scranton householder would obey the city ordinance against icy pavements by putting idle men at work shoveling the snow and ice into the gutter, much distress of various kinds would be relieved.

The county commissioners set an excellent example yesterday when they put a snow shovel brigade to work upon the pavements surrounding the court house. Those walks are now safe to walk on. One doesn't need to patronize an accident insurance company or make his will before stepping across or around the square.

There are unemployed men and boys in this city who would be glad of the chance to earn a few pennies by a brief but decisive wrestle with that stretch of ice in front of the average Scrantonian's property. Let them earn it.

GOVERNOR FLOWER, of New York, reported in his annual message the result of the experiment of putting convicts at work road-building. Warden Thayer, of Clinton prison, has had one hundred convicts making a road from the railroad station at Dannemora to the prison, and has kept an accurate account of the work done by each man, with cost of tools and the other items of expense, and therefore is able to state accurately the cost of making one and one-eighth miles of good country road in a rather favorable locality. Under the law passed by the last legislature convicts can be so employed at the option of the board of prison managers, and county authorities can arrange to employ them. The new highway law gave counties other rights in relation to road building, of which some have availed themselves. A full account of what has been done was given in the message.

CHATS as to Politics.

Chris Magee announces his personal preference for Gilman A. Grow, and intimates that several votes from Allegheny will settle down into the Susquehanna county candidate's fold Wednesday. This is what Mr. Magee thinks in his own language: "He is one of the old Republican war horses, and the party would honor itself by honoring him. He is a man of superior intellect and is thoroughly posted on the wants of Pennsylvania. His past reputation would give him a standing in congress at once, and he seems to me to be the only man so far mentioned that is so well qualified for the place. In this congress Pennsylvania needs representatives that know how to fight, and in Mr. Grow they would have one."

If all that they say of Howard Mutchler be true, it is evident that he has inherited a large percentage of the adroitness which distinguished his father's career in politics. His appointment of young Harry Wilbur to a West Point cadetship right after young Harry's older brother threw Mutchler, fills, ignominiously down in the Lehighton postmaster's fight, spikes the Wilbur guns as to the future and robs the Harry-Storm combination of a potentially in their efforts to restore the said Howard with only one term of congressional glory. It has been well said that the secret of success in politics is in knowing when to give in. Mr. Mutchler seems to have learned this great lesson early.

A canvass by the Philadelphia Times of the Pennsylvania R. publican delegation at Washington shows that while all admit the possibility of some other nomination next summer, all mention General Hastings' name as their foremost gubernatorial prediction. Congressmen Stone and Stone, the one of Warren and the other of Allegheny, are potentialities, in the order named, but are scarcely regarded as formidable opponents of the Hastings movement at this time. All this would seem to indicate that the Pennsylvania delegation keep close to the touch with party sentiment. It is obvious that the knock-down-and-drag-out style of leadership will hardly come into vogue this new year.

As a matter of justice, it should be said that the hard work in Luzerne county's trading board of commis-

sioners has devolved almost wholly on its minority member, Harry Evans, of Pittston. The mother county has been right fortunate in this fact, for despite the heavy drains upon the county treasury the cash fund has grown from \$53,000 to \$107,000 and the general fund of county government has been satisfactory. Mr. Evans is an indefatigable worker, a man loyal to his friends and one full of likable traits. He carries out of office the good will of every honest man.

The Carbondale Herald pays a handsome tribute to ex-Commissioners Hallstead, Flanagan and Franz. It truthfully says they "have borne themselves in a most creditable manner, and will go out of office with the proud satisfaction of knowing that they have the approval of the tax-payers of the county." After citing the heavy responsibilities of the position of commissioner it adds that Mr. Demuth and the two incoming Republican commissioners "are believed to be men of the needed requirements, and if they follow the example of their predecessors by working harmoniously together they will, upon their retirement, meet with the same generous praise so freely accorded the members of the out-going board."

The Democratic Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer, which has fought the battles of the majority party in Luzerne for 10, these many years; and which, in this long period of service, has showered in free advertising upon the cheap politicians of its party the equivalent of thousands of dollars, has our sincere sympathy in its last and crowning experience of Democratic ingratitude; bestowed, just before leaving office, by the Democratic commissioners it helped to elect. It has again lost the county printing; but it has gained an insight into Democratic methods which ought to be worth something as a consolation. From Grover down to Smith and Dallard, they are all alike; a fact which Brother Boyd is invited to "make a note of."

It is Handsomely Priced.

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